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FOREWORD

This genealogy of the TOPPING FAMILY in ENGLAND is written in manuscript form with the intention of placing copies in the principal libraries in the United States. This is being done so that while the complete genealogy is in preparation, the English background of THOMAS TOPPING (1608-1688) who came to America in 1636 will be available to anyone interested.

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It is only proper that credit be set forth here to my good friend, ARTHUR VERE WOODMAN, WING, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, ENGLAND, for the great amount of information and advice that he has given me these many years since 1936 when I first had correspondence with him. It was my good fortune to know MR. WOODMAN who was doing research on the WOODMAN FAMILY. As he states it, the WOODMAN'S and the TOPPING'S were plowing side by side in the 16th Century and are now doing research together. Without his knowledge and records of BUCKINGHAMSHIRE and BEDFORDSHIRE, it is doubtful if the completeness of this work could ever have been attained, for it is rare for a family to establish their pedigree much earlier than 1600-1700. To MR. WOODMAN and all those in GREAT BRITAIN who helped, we of the TOPPING family thank you.

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FORMAT

This manuscript is set up somewhat different than the average genealogy. As it is only intended to be a preliminary writing to a complete publication later, it is compiled for the easy reading and typing. The chart enclosed is a tree with each member numbered for reference. The individuals are listed by given name alphabetically which eliminates the need for a TOPPING index in this manuscript. The principals are those in direct line from (E1) RICHARD (About 1470-By 1524) to (E44) THOMAS (1608-1688) who came to America in 1636. These are listed in direct line in the front of the manuscript and all others after them alphabetically. As some of the others played some part in the early days of the American colonies and whose descendents may still be living in England, I have included everyone of whom I have data.

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LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND

Before proceeding with the study of the TOPPING genealogy, it would be well to know of the locale where our earliest known ancestor lived.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, a name which has variations of spelling from LESTON in the 11th Century, with the French name of BOUSARD-BEAUSARD later and LEIGH in the 16th Century were all names of the Lord of the Manor at the time. This town of some 8, 910 acres is in the midlands of England, some 40 to 50 miles north of London. It is on the OUZEL RIVER and the GRAND JUNCTION CANAL passes through it. The river is the boundary between BEDFORDSHIRE and BUCKINGHAMSHIRE and it should be kept in mind that many places, i. e., LINSLADE, SOULBURY, CRAFTON, WING, DUNSTABLE, TOTTERNHOE, the BRICK HILLS, etc. are very close to LEIGHTON BUZZARD, which is the post office today (1958) for WING, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

In 1086, LEIGHTON (LESTON) was in the MANSHEAD HUNDRED in the DOMESDAY BOOK and is referred to as a market town which it has continued to be on into modern times. Its market cross, which stands in MARKET SQUARE, is pentagonal shaped and was built in the 15th Century and no doubt was a meeting place of our ancestors on Market Day where, in the 17th Century, they exchanged news of those who had gone overseas. In the 1600's, the town had 7 or 8 hotel or hostels. Many people who went to the Connecticut and Massachusetts Colonies came from this vicinity, i. e., SAYRE, REEVE, COLEMAN and others.

All Saints Church, whose spire dominates the countryside, was built in the second half of the 13th Century and except for some changes of the windows in the 15th Century, it has stood as it was built, and it is in an excellent state of repair. To this church went our ancestors to worship. The church register, which starts in 1562, is somewhat defective in the early years for some entries are really only complete since 1653 and it is evident that a book is missing. The search for this missing book has continued these many years and there is some feeling that it may turn up some day in a book or record collection as so many have in recent times. Fortunately for the TOPPING search the MANOR COURT ROLLS are in existence and are in very good condition. These COURT ROLLS are, in modern terms, really the books and records kept by the Lord of the Manor of the business conducted by him and his associates. The name "ROLL" stems from the fact that they are sheets of paper not bound as in a book but rolled up. These rolls were kept at ST. GEORGES, WINDSOR until 1957, when they were transferred to COUNTY RECORD OFFICE at BEDFORD where they are now (1958) available for search.

In the COURT ROLLS for LEIGHTON, when reference is made to lands held by various generations of the TOPPING family, part of the description involves "LE LECKE END" - the end of the lake. Today, we have LAKE STREET in LEIGHTON BUZZARD. THOMAS LEIGH, later LORD LEIGH was lord of the manor prior to 1643 and no doubt was well aware of the activities of our early colonies. I mention this for, in spite of the early hardships of the Pilgrims, it is my opinion that the later settlers had things fairly well organized and that trade and traffic from the colonies to all parts of England was good and profitable.

As to the origin of the name TOPPING, it is the opinion of those who have made a study of this matter that it was taken by an ancestor who had a very heavy head of hair. Prior to the 12th Century, most people only had a single name. The second name was usually taken from a place of living, trade or profession, personal characteristic, etc. As there is evidence that the name TOPPING started in several places in England about the same time, it is probable that everyone of the name did not all stem from the same forefather.

(E1) RICHARD (About 1470 By 1524)

PARENTS

BORN - About 1470

Not known at the time of
this writing, 1958.

DIED - Prior to 1524 at LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND

MARRIED - (E2) AGNES

Possibly COLE or SHEPERD

(-)

It is not known as to where (E1) RICHARD TOPPING lived prior to 1505 or where he was born. It is assumed that he came from the vicinity of LEIGHTON BUZZARD probably from the area known as the BRICK HILLS, just to the north or it is also possible that he came from HARDWICK, BUCKS., a village about 8 miles S/W of LEIGHTON BUZZARD. There were TOPPING families at HARDWICK in the 14th and 15th Centuries as recorded in the COURT ROLLS of the Manor, HARDWICK CUM WEEDON. These rolls are at NEW COLLEGE, OXFORD. In 1459, it was presented that WILLIAM TOPPING had died and his wife JOAN and his son HENRY sought to be admitted. This HENRY could have been the father of (E1) RICHARD of LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

The first reference to (E1) RICHARD appears in the COURT ROLLS for the Manor of LEIGHTON BUZZARD. These rolls, in excellent condition, were kept in WINDSOR until 1957, when they were transferred to the COUNTY RECORD office at BEDFORD.

AT THE COURT HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 1505 (20 HENRY VII)

The Homage presented that WILLIAM SHEPERD surrendered a messuage with a close "IN LE LECKE END" and 60 acres of land and a meadow to the use of RICHARD TOPPYNG and AGNES, his wife. Whereby there befell to the Lord of the Manor a heriot _____ and the Lord granted said messuage and 60 acres to hold to them according to custom. They gave as a fine _____ and did fealty and were admitted as tenants.

AT THE COURT HELD THURSDAY IN PENTECOST WEEK (20 HENRY VII) 1505

RICHARD TOPPING was elected CONSTABLE VICE WILLIAM MANN.

AT THE COURT HELD THURSDAY IN PENTECOST WEEK, CALLED "LE TRIMMING DAY" (21 HENRY VII) 1506

RICHARD TOPPING and JAMES LONG, the CONSTABLES, charged and sworn, presented that all was well.

AT THE COURT HELD THURSDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. PETER AND VINCULA (21 HENRY VII) 1506

RICHARD TOPPYNG was on the HOMAGE.

AT THE COURT HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1507 (22 HENRY VII)

The Tenancy of the messuage and close in LE LECKE END and 60 acres of land and meadow with the rents due is again described as above with a reference of surrender to JOHN COLLES and then a return by him to RICHARD TOPPING of the same land as described originally in 1505.

AT THE COURT HELD THURSDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST (24 HENRY VII) 1508

RICHARD TOPPING occurs as a juror.

The son and heir of (E1) RICHARD is (E3) HENRY (Before 1500-1547).

(E3) HENRY (Before 1500-1547)

PARENTS

BORN - Prior to 1500 at or in the vicinity
of LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

(E1) RICHARD (About 1470-1524)

(E2) AGNES (-)

DIED - 1546/7 at LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

MARRIED - _____ Wife's name does not appear in the Court Rolls.

The first reference to HENRY TOPPING is found in the GREAT SUBSIDY TAX ROLL of 1524 when he is assessed at 20 marks, the highest tax on the list for LEIGHTON BUZZARD. This tax roll is practically a census for every resident is listed and pays some tax even as low as 1 pence.

ENTRIES FROM THE COURT ROLLS FOR THE MANOR OF LEIGHTON BUZZARD

These Rolls were kept at ST. GEORGES, WINDSOR prior to 1957 and are now at the COUNTY RECORD office in BEDFORD.

VIEW OF FRANK PLEDGE CALLED TRYMMYNG DAY, THURSDAY IN PENTECOST WEEK (35 HENRY VIII) 1543

TRYMMYNG DAY was the principal day in the year at court as all differences were settled with the court baron.

HENRY TOPPING, a juror.

AT THE COURT HELD THURSDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THURSDAY AFTER FEBRUARY 2, 1544
(36 HENRY VIII)

HENRY TOPPING was excused attendance at the court on account of sickness.

AT THE COURT HELD THURSDAY, THE FEAST OF ST. GEORGE, THE MARTYR,
APRIL 23, 1545 (37 HENRY VIII)

HENRY TOPPING, a juror.

AT A COURT HELD FOR LEIGHTON BUZZARD MANOR, APRIL 27, 1536

HENRY TOPPING surrenders land near and a close "CLAYYBOLDYS" to the use of JOAN LONDON, widow.

A RENTAL OF THE MANOR OF LEIGHTON BUZZARD, FEBRUARY 6, 1547
(1 EDWARD VI) READS EXACTLY AS FOLLOWS:

RICHARD

~~HENRY~~ TOPPING XVis. - VIIIId.

NOTE: The name of HENRY was crossed out and RICHARD inserted.

AT THE COURT HELD THURSDAY OF THE FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION OF
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (1 EDWARD VI) 1547

RICHARD TOPPING surrendered half an acre in the furlong called "BURYHAMME" to the use of RICHARD GURNEY. At the same COURT, RICHARD TOPPING, son and heir of HENRY TOPPING and JOAN, his wife, surrendered seven acres, rent XIIIId. to the use of WILLIAM HOLLAND.

The son and heir of (E3) HENRY was (E5) RICHARD (-1579)

The description of the Copyhold lands described in the COURT ROLLS rented to (E5) RICHARD (Before 1520-1579) are identical with the description of the lands held by his grandfather (E1) RICHARD (About 1470-1524).

(E5) RICHARD (Before 1520-1579)

PARENTS

BORN - Before 1520 at LEIGHTON BUZZARD (E3) HENRY (Before 1500-1546/7)

DIED - BURIED - December 21, 1579 from
Church Register - LEIGHTON
BUZZARD.

Mother _____

MARRIED - (E6) JOAN _____ Name possibly PRENTICE.
(-)

A HENRY PRENTICE of SOUTHCOTE in the Parish of LINSLADE (near SOULBURY) in his Will in 1555 mentions his godson HARRY TOPPING. This leads me to assume that possibly RICHARD TOPPING was married to a sister of HENRY PRENTICE.

AT THE COURT HELD HOCK MONDAY (15TH DAY AFTER EASTER) (7 EDWARD VI)
1553

RICHARD TOPPING was excused.

A list of copy holders of 1557 shows that RICHARD TOPPING held a messuage with a close in NORTH END and 3 half acres in KINGS MEDE late of HENRY TOPPING, his father, and pays rent of XVs. Vid. Further XIIIId. which WILLIAM HOLLAND pays for 7 acres. Several rent rolls of 1566 show that RICHARD pays 15/6 rent.

COURT ROLL ENTRIES FROM COURT ROLLS OF LEIGHTON BUZZARD FOUND
IN 1947 IN STOCKGROVE PARK - 18TH CENTURY MANOR

1548 - RICHARD, a JUROR.
1549 - JUROR and TITHINGMAN
1549 - TITHINGMAN on "TRIMMING DAY"
1550 - TITHINGMAN.

Children of (E5) RICHARD and (E6) JOAN _____:

(E 8) JOHN	(About 1550-1608)	Married JOAN NICHOLS MEADE
(E10) RICHARD	(-1616)	Married JANE LEACHE
(E15) WILLIAM	(-)	Married ALICE VALENTYNE
(E17) THOMAS	(1562-)	Baptized at LEIGHTON BUZZARD, July 12, 1562. (From Church Register).
(E13) EDMUND	(-1587/8)	Married JOAN MANN.
(E19) KATHERINE	(-)	Married JOHN CARTER - September 29, 1580.
(E20) JANE	(-)	Married JOHN SANDON - September 9, 1588.

and

Possibly HARRY

(E8) JOHN (About 1550-1608) who married JOAN NICHOLS MEADE is the next in line of our descent in this TOPPING Genealogy.

WING, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, ENGLAND

This village is located some 2 - 3 miles S. W. of LEIGHTON BUZZARD which is its post office (1958). In the DOMESDAY BOOK (1086) WING is in the COTTSLOE HUNDRED and the Parish consists of some 5,703 acres and overlooks the VALE of AYLESBURY. CRAFTON is one of the hamlets of WING and for the past hundred years has been a ROTHSCHILD estate. ASCOTT HOUSE, the seat of the DORMER family, the house which was built in 1606 by SIR ROBERT DORMER, was the winter residence of LEOPOLD ROTHSCHILD and in recent times maintained by LORD ROSEBERRY.

The Church of All Saints in WING is remarkable as retaining more fully than any other Church in England the early plan of Christian Churches which is believed to have been adopted from the Roman public buildings called Basilicae. This Church, which is built of a rubbly limestone, said to have been quarried on the GLEVE farm, may be dated with some certainty by the narrow pilasters decorating the Chancel and by the window with a MID-WALL shaft above the Chancel arch. These are the features introduced into England in the days of the great churchman DUNSTAN and the building on architectural grounds alone can be ascribed to the latter half of the 10th Century. The Manor of WING, at this time, was in the hands of a Lady of the Royal House, LADY AELFGIFU and which she willed about 975, together with LINSLADE, HAVERSHAM, MARSWORTH, and other distant places to her ROYAL LORD, KING EADGAR. She was buried at WINCHESTER.

Extensive work has been done on the Church at various times and it has been well maintained. In the 16th Century considerable work was done by SIR ROBERT DORMER whose tomb is located in the Church. Extensive repairs have been made in recent times (since 1938) under the direction of VERE WOODMAN, who lives in WING and whose help on this TOPPING family search has been appreciated. A most interesting booklet titled "ALL SAINTS, WING, BUCKS.", by A. VERE WOODMAN, 1951, setting forth the Church history, has recently been printed and is available at some of the principal libraries in the United States.

The Church Registers are in excellent condition in comparison to some registers of the same age and date back to about 1558 with a few years missing here and there in the early years. There are numerous TOPPING entries and copies of the registers have been printed and are available in principal libraries such as the New York Public Library.

(E8) JOHN - (About 1550-1608)

PARENTS

BORN - At LEIGHTON BUZZARD

(E5) RICHARD

Before 1560-1579)

DIED - BURIED - July 24, 1608 at
CRAFTON, WING, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

(E6) JOAN _____ (-)

MARRIED (E9) JOAN NICHOLS MEADE,
widow of WILLIAM MEADE on November 1,
1568 at WING, Church Register - ALL SAINTS
CHURCH.

(E8) JOHN lived in what was known as the "SOUTH END" of CRAFTON, a hamlet of WING. CRAFTON was approximately 1000 acres of land and in 1850, it was bought by BARON MAYER AMSCHEL DE ROTHSCHILD. He tore town all of the homes except the HENRY KEENE house which he remodeled and it stands in 1958. This property, once CRAFTON but now part of MENTMORE was again sold in 1944 having been a ROTHSCHILD ESTATE for almost a century. Just prior to the demolition of the old CRAFTON homesteads in 1850, the REV. J. G. JOYCE, VICAR OF WING from 1847 - 1850 made a small sketch of each house in the hamlet. The one entitled CRAFTON, SOUTH END (the TOPPING HOMESTEAD) was in the possession of F. G. GURNEY, an associate of MR. WOODMAN in 1945. MR. WOODMAN had a copy made of it which is now in my possession and will be printed in the published genealogy.

JOHN TOPPING is listed as CHURCH WARDEN of ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WING, BUCKS., for the years 1575, 1583, 1592 and 1601.

Children of (E8) JOHN TOPPING and (E9) JOAN NICHOLS MEADE:

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|-----------------|-------------|--|
| (E21) JOHN | (1578-1623) | Married SELENA (HELEN) BLACKETT CROSSMAN |
| (E25) EDMUND | (1581-1650) | Married KATHERINE SHEPERD. |
| (E23) RICHARD | (1572-1644) | Married JOAN TOPPING. |
| (E18) ELIZABETH | (1575-1575) | |
| (E18A) JOHN | (1576-1576) | |
| (E39) KATHERINE | (1569-1623) | Married WILLIAM SANDERS. |

The children of (E9) JOAN NICHOLS MEADE by her first marriage to WILLIAM MEADE are listed under (E9) JOAN on another page as is her Will.

(E21) JOHN (1578-1623) who married SELENA (HELEN) BLACKETT CROSSMAN, is next in line of descent in our TOPPING genealogy.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND

TOTTERNHOE is a village about 4 miles S. E. of LEIGHTON BUZZARD and is about 2400 acres in size. It is a farming community and was listed in the DOMESDAY BOOK in the MANSHEAD HUNDRED in 1086.

It was here that (E21) JOHN TOPPING (1578-1623) married the widow, HELEN CROSSMAN, and it was here that (E44) THOMAS TOPPING (1608-1688) who came to America in 1636, was born. THOMAS married EMMA ALDRIDGE and her father AMBROSE ALDRIDGE was lord of the MANOR of TOTTERNHOE in 1630. JOHN TOPPING and HELEN CROSSMAN were buried here.

Its Church of St. Giles dates to the 14th and 15th Centuries but its early style of architecture has been destroyed. Its registers date back to 1562 and copies have been made of the early records which are in typewritten form, of which a copy is in the CONGRESSIONAL LIBRARY in WASHINGTON, D. C. It was a piece of good fortune that an associate of the writer saw it and called his attention to the TOPPING entries. This greatly expedited the search.

(E21) JOHN - (1576-1623)

PARENTS

BORN - Baptized July 6, 1576 -
WING, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, Church
Register.

(E8) JOHN (About 1550-1608)

(E9) JOAN NICHOLS MEADE (-1610)

DIED-BURIED - At. TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE, August 12, 1623 -
Church Register.

MARRIED - HELEN CROSSMAN, Widow of JOHN CROSSMAN, maiden name
(SELENA ELEANOR) BLACKETT, July 5, 1605 at TOTTERNHOE - Church Register.

The Will of JOHN TOPPING is filed in the PROBATE REGISTRY in
BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND, ARCH. of BEDS. 1622-3 #128 dated August 3, 1623.
(Copied September 20, 1945).

To be buried in the Church Yard of TOTTERNHOE.

To THOMAS TOPPING, my son, at the age of 21 years, one-half of
my goods. To JOHN CROSSMAN, my wife's son 10 pds., 3 years after my decease.
To JOHN CROSSMAN, the husband of ELIZABETH CROSSMAN, one bushel of corn
and another of tiles. To RICHARD TOPPING, my brother's son 5 shillings to be
paid 6 months after my death. To EDWARD INWARD, my sister's son 4 shillings
to be paid 7 months after my decease. To ALICE BUCKINGHAM, the daughter of
JOHN BUCKINGHAM, 4 shillings to be paid 6 months after my decease. To
AGNES BOWDEN, my goddaughter 4 shillings, 6 months after my decease. To
the poor of TOTTERNHOE 5 shillings within a year after my decease. Residue to
ALINE, my wife, whom I make my executrix to see my debts are paid and my body
lawfully buried. MYCHEL MOWSE and ROBERT NEWMAN, Overseers.

Signed by X JOHN TOPPING

WITNESSES

GEORGE FREEMAN X His mark
JOHN ROBINSON
RICHARD TOPPING

Probate granted October 11,
1623 to HELLENE TOPPING
and Guardianship of THOMAS
TOPPING, a minor.

Children of JOHN TOPPING and HELEN CROSSMAN.

(E43) RICHARD (1606-1622)

(E44) THOMAS (1608-1688) who married (E45) EMMA ALDRIDGE and who came to
America in 1636.

(E44) THOMAS (1608-1688) is the next in line of our descent in the
TOPPING Genealogy.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND

This village is about 6 miles S. E. of LEIGHTON BUZZARD, an ancient place, dating back to as early as the 3rd Century. WATLING STREET, the modern name of the old Roman road and ICKNIELD WAY, the ancient British road meet here so that DUNSTABLE (called DUNSTAPLE) in the 15th Century is located close to the center of ENGLAND at the crossroads of the principal ancient highways.

It is a very prosperous town and its architecture is medieval and well preserved. The PRIORY CHURCH of DUNSTABLE - ST. PETERS, dates back to 1130 and is in a fine state of preservation with little change in style. Its registers date back to 1558. It was in this Church that THOMAS TOPPING (1608-1688), our ancestor who came to AMERICA, married EMMA ALDRIDGE, and it was here that some of their children were baptized. DUNSTABLE was also the home of the ALDRIDGE family and of several other families whose names occur in this genealogy.

(E44) THOMAS - (1608-1688)

PARENTS

(1)

BORN - March 9, 1608 at
TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE,
ENGLAND, Church Register.

(E21) JOHN (1578-1623)

(E22) HELEN CROSS MAN(1568-1629)

DIED-BURIED - 1688 at BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT.

MARRIED - EMMA ALDRIDGE - November 16, 1628 at DUNSTABLE, BED-
FORDSHIRE - Church Register.

They lived at DUNSTABLE until about 1634 where four (4) of their children were born. They moved to WRAYSBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, where they stayed until early in 1636 when the family emigrated to America, probably via LONDON.

COURT ROLL OF WRAYSBURY, APRIL 12, 1636 (12 CHARLES I)

THOMAS TAPPINGE and REUBEN WOLDRIDGE - Overseers, re-
port that all was well with the Water Courses (streams).

Will of ANNE ALDRIDGE P.C.C. #56 Pile - of Parish of All Hallows Bread Street - London - Single woman dated May 11, 1636 gave to the four (4) children of THOMAS TOPPING 3 pds. each. To sisters ISABEL and ELIZABETH, to brother THOMAS ALDRIDGE 3 pds. each. To brother WILLIAM CHAPMAN 40 shillings for a ring and to ELIZABETH ANDREWS 40 shillings. - WIT. THOMAS AGARD and ELIZABETH ANDREWS May 31, 1636. Administration granted to THOMAS TOPPING, husband of EMMA TOPPING, sister of the deceased. THOMAS AGARD renouncing the executorship. The Probate ACT BOOK of 1636 gives additional information. On the last day of May 1636, there appeared THOMAS TOPPING of WRAYSBURY, BUCKS. YEOMAN to administer the Will which THOMAS AGARD renounced.

The Connecticut Colony was founded at WHETHERSFIELD, CON-
NECTICUT in 1636 and THOMAS TOPPING is listed as one of the original settlers and his property is shown on the original town layout map. In 1639, he is listed as one of the original settlers of MILFORD, CONNECTICUT and owned Lot #39. With his wife, EMMA, he joins the Church on July 2, 1640.

In 1644, THOMAS TOPPING moved to the HEMPSTEAD settlement on Long Island which was then part of the CONNECTICUT Colony. In 1647, THOMAS TOPPING and ROBERT COE gave a bond at HEMPSTEAD, L. I. - Recorded in the Dutch Manuscripts - N. Y. Vol. II, P. 38. He remained there until about 1649 when he moved to SOUTHAMPTON where he was listed as a FREEMAN and he established a home on what is now (1958) SOUTH MAIN STREET. This original house is still standing and is part of the Episcopal Church Rectory. He lived in SOUTHAMPTON until about 1673 and it is recorded in the records of the FIRST CHURCH of CHRIST at SOUTHAMPTON that on December 9, 1673, he was dismissed to the CHURCH at MILFORD, CONNECTICUT.

The Town Records of SOUTHAMPTON are full of entries as to his activities and land recordings. He was a Representative from SOUTHAMPTON to HARTFORD in the years from 1656 to 1664. SOUTHAMPTON, L.I. was part of the CONNECTICUT COLONY until 1664 when it became part of NEW YORK.

During his time at SOUTHAMPTON, there were numerous divisions of land and THOMAS, as a proprietor, shared in these divisions. As a result, his four sons were well provided for as they came to maturity. His oldest son, THOMAS, inherited the home lot and property in SOUTHAMPTON VILLAGE and his sons, JAMES, JOHN and ELNATHAN shared in other lands such as SAGAPONACK, BRIDGEHAMPTON, etc.

In 1666, THOMAS made a purchase of land from the INDIANS, vast in area, and which was known as TOPPING'S PURCHASE. This land extended from the vicinity of what is now known as EASTPORT and SPEONK to the BROOKHAVEN TOWN LINE and north to RIVERHEAD. This purchase precipitated a violent controversy, the town proprietors maintaining that no individual could purchase land from the INDIANS. Subsequent court action found in favor of the proprietors and the purchase was declared void but to this day (1958) maps and deeds show reference to TOPPING'S PURCHASE.

In 1673, THOMAS disposed of his lands on LONG ISLAND and moved to MILFORD, CONNECTICUT and later to BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT. Some of the entries in the SOUTHAMPTON TOWN RECORDS read:

Mar. 31, 1650	THOMAS TOPPING chosen a Freeman.
Oct. 1650	THOMAS TOPPING appointed Magistrate and Captain of soldiers.
Jan. 1653	Drew lots 7 and 17 in SAGAPONACK Division. Drew lots 34 and 35 in the SEAPONACK Division. Drew lots 1 and 33 in the BEACH or PINES #1 Division. Drew lots 18 and 27 in the LITTLE PLAIN Division.
April 30, 1657	1/2 pound of powder distributed to THOMAS - ELNATHAN and JOHN TOPPING.
1665	THOMAS TOPPING appointed representative to HEMPSTEAD. LONG ISLAND was then part of the NEW YORK COLONY.

CONNECTICUT RECORDS

June 6, 1672	CAPT. THOMAS TOPPING and CAPT. NASH to enlist 40 men to fight the DUTCH.
May 8, 1673	THOMAS TOPPING and others appointed a Committee to consider lands between STRATFORD and MOMOREANOKE that are not granted and to portion them off.
Nov. 26, 1673	Appointed Member of the Council of War for the CONNECTICUT COLONY.

CONNECTICUT RECORDS (CONT'D.)

Nov. 25, 1675	Appointed to sign bills for the Army.
May 8, 1684	Elected Asst. Deputy to the Court of Election at HARTFORD.
May 14, 1685	Appointed Commissioner for BRANFORD.
Oct. 12, 1686	Signs a petition to the Court to permit the establishment of a Church at BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT.

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Oct. 9, 1686 THOMAS TOPPING of BRANFORD, COLONY of NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT, makes a deed which is really a Will disposing of his lands in SAGAPONACK, L. I., NEW YORK, to his sons, JAMES and ELNATHAN, and they must discharge his debt to THOMAS TROWBRIDGE of NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT. He also mentions his daughters, MARY QUINNEY and MARTHA HERRICK. Prior to leaving LONG ISLAND, he had given lands to his sons THOMAS and JOHN, and he had later confirmed these grants.

All of his children were by his first wife, (2) EMMA ALDRIDGE, who died about 1666. He later married (9) MARY WELLES BALDWIN, widow of TIMOTHY BALDWIN; after her death about 1668, he married (10) LYDIA WILFORD, widow of JOHN WILFORD, and she lived until 1694.

As THOMAS TOPPING lived to an advanced age of some 80 years which was exceptional for the times and had a very active life in so many places, I have often wondered exactly how one could describe what he did. In modern times, I think he would be called a farmer, real estate operator, politician, magistrate and a soldier in the national guard. He certainly had a full life and provided well for his family.

His children were:

(3) THOMAS	(1629-1681) who married (11) HANNAH WHITE.
(4) JAMES	(1632- ?) who married (12) ABIGAIL LUPTON.
(5) JOHN	(1636-1686) who married (13) DEBORAH HOWELL.
(6) ELNATHAN	(1640-1705) who married (14) MARY RAMSDALE (1644-1704).
(7) MARY	(1634- ?) who married _____QUINNEY (-). (QUINBY)
(8) MARTHA	(1638-1689) who married JAMES HERRICK (1603-1687).

After these many years of search, I have concluded that about 70% of all the people named TOPPING who ever lived in America descend from THOMAS TOPPING (1608-1688). The others stem from several other people named TOPPING who came to this country at a later date. One particular group stem from a settlement of a TOPPING in Virginia in Colonial times.

Of all those living now or in the past two hundred years in America who stem from THOMAS TOPPING, they are either from JOHN (1636-1686) or ELNATHAN (1640-1705). The male line of (3) THOMAS and (4) JAMES ran out in the early generations.

The writer descends from (5) JOHN (1636-1686).

The data as set forth on the previous pages cover the generations in direct line from (E1) RICHARD TOPPING to (E44) THOMAS TOPPING who came to America in 1636. There is also included some pages of historical and geographical data of the locality where these individuals lived. The ensuing pages in first name alphabetical order list all of the data available for each male or female born TOPPING and also data of those they married. To use these pages without an index all one needs to know is the given name of an ancestor and it is then very simple to construct a pedigree. The number prefixed by (E) assigned to each person refers to the "ENGLAND" chart in the front of this manuscript.

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(E54C) ABEL - (-1742)

PARENTS

BORN - SOULBURY, BUCKS., ENGLAND (E54) JOSEPH (1648-1716/7)

DIED-BURIED - Nov. 20, 1742 at SOULBURY (E56A) ANNA (-1690)
BUCKS., Church Register

MARRIED - (E 54D) MARY (-1748)

In the TAX LISTS, the occupation of ABEL is "DAIRYMAN".

CHILDREN:

(E54) SARA (1715-)

(E2) AGNES Possibly (-)
~~COLE or SHEPERD~~

BORN - Lived in LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDFORDSHIRE and was
DIED - probably born there. Buried there also.

MARRIED - (E1) RICHARD TOPPING (About 1470-By 1524)

Reference to AGNES as wife of RICHARD is in the COURT ROLLS
of the MANOR of LEIGHTON BUZZARD in 1505 and 1507. See (E1) RICHARD for
detail.

CHILDREN:

(E3) HENRY (Before 1500-1547)

(E34) AGNES (1607-1607/8)

PARENTS

BORN-BAPT. - Jan. 6, 1607
LEIGHTON BUZZARD Church Register.

(E10) RICHARD (-1616)

DIED-BURIED - Jan. 20, 1607/8
LEIGHTON BUZZARD Church Register.

(E12) 2nd Wife.

(E33) ALICE (1606-1606)

PARENTS

BORN-BAPT. - Aug. 1, 1606
LEIGHTON BUZZARD Church Register.

(E10) RICHARD (-1616)

DIED-BURIED - Jan. 20, 1607/8
LEIGHTON BUZZARD Church Register.

(E12) 2nd Wife.

(E31) ALICE (?SEARE) (-1675)

BORN - In England, possibly at SOULBURY, BUCKS.

DIED-BURIED - April 21, 1675 at SOULBURY, BUCKS. (SOULBURY Church Register).

MARRIED - 2nd Wife of (E29) RICHARD TOPPING (1596/7-1658)

Joined the Church at BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, April 17, 1647.

As JUDITH HICKMAN, the 1st wife of RICHARD died in 1635, it is assumed that all of the children born after 1635 were by ALICE. Lived in BOSTON prior to 1654 and after that in ENGLAND. April 9, 1658 - P. C. C. - LONDON - appointed Administrator of the Estate of RICHARD TOPPING, her late husband.

CHILDREN: of (E31) ALICE:

(E54) JOSEPH (1648-1716) married (E56) MARY _____.

(E62) JOSEPH (1645-1645)

(E57) BENJAMIN (1650-1700) married (E58) JUDITH HUMBLE

(E51) LYDIA (-)

(E81) ALICE (SEARE) (-1675)

BORN - Of CRAFTON, WING, BUCKS.

DIED - CRAFTON, WING, BUCKS.

MARRIED - (E80) RICHARD TOPPING (1601-By 1661) at WING July 30, 1633, recorded in the Church Register.

CHILDREN:

(E86) KATHERINE (1634-)

(E85) JANE (1635-)

(E82) RICHARD (1639-1722) married (E83) SARAH SEARE

(E84) JOAN (1642-)

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(E16) ALICE (VALENTINE) (-)

BORN

DIED

MARRIED (E15) WILLIAM TOPPING at WING, October 23, 1575 - Church Register.

(E56A) ANN () (-1690)

BORN - Probably in ENGLAND.

DIED-BURIED - May 19, 1690 at SOULBURY, BUCKS. (Church Register).

MARRIED - 1st Wife of (E54) JOSEPH TOPPING (1648-1716)

Although JOSEPH was born at BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS in 1648, he probably returned to ENGLAND with his parents in 1654 so it is likely that his wife was probably born in ENGLAND.

(E77) ANNE (S) (1618-Before 1643)

PARENTS

BORN-BAPT. - January 17, 1618 - WING
Church Register.

(E23) RICHARD (1572-1644)

(E24) JOAN TOPPING(1582-1631)

DIED - Before 1643

Res. CRAFTON, WING, BUCKS.

(E57) BENJAMIN (1650-1700)

PARENTS

BORN-BAPT. - May 21, 1650 at BOSTON,
MASS. 1st Church - BOSTON Church Register.

(E29) RICHARD (1596-1658)

(E31) ALICE (SEARE)? (-1675)

DIED-BURIED - Oct. 11, 1700 at
LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDFORDSHIRE, ENGLAND. Listed as Laborer.

MARRIED - (E58) JUDITH HUMBLE - May 19, 1684 at TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.,
Church Register.

BENJAMIN is mentioned in his father's Will - 1658 - P.C.C. #128
WOOTON, April 9, 1658 - inherited 5 lbs. to bind him as an Apprentice when 21
years of age.

NOTE: This is a case where in Colonial times a person is born in America and goes to England. It is possible that there are descendents of BENJAMIN living in England now.

CHILDREN of BENJAMIN (1650-1700) - taken from LEIGHTON BUZZARD BEDS., Church Register.

(E67) BENJAMIN (1692-1725)

(E68) MARY (1684-) Married WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT.

(E69) SUSSANA (1692-) Married HENRY HOOD.

(E67) BENJAMIN (1692-1725)

PARENTS

BORN-BAPT. - Jan. 20, 1692 at
LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS. - Church
Register.

(E57) BENJAMIN (1650-1700)

(E58) JUDITH HUMBLER (-1717)

DIED-BURIED - June 14, 1725 at LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS. - Church
Register.

MARRIED -

() EDMUND (-1573)

PARENTS ?

In the LEIGHTON BUZZARD Church Register, there is an entry -
EDMUND TOPPING buried May 27, 1573. Probably a child of one of TOPPING'S
living in LEIGHTON BUZZARD at this time.

(E13) EDMUND (About 1550-1587/8)

PARENTS

Before

BORN - At LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.
FORDSHIRE, ENGLAND.

(E5) RICHARD (1520-1579)

(E6) JOAN _____ ()

DIED-BURIED - February 21, 1587/8 -
LEIGHTON BUZZARD Church Register.

MARRIED - (E14) JOAN MANN - January 31, 1577 - LEIGHTON BUZZARD
Church Register.

COURT ROLLS OF THE MANOR OF LEIGHTON BUZZARD - MAY 22, 1589

EDMUND TOPPING died seized of a messuage of 31 acres of land in
"LE LECKE END" and JOAN (JOHANNE) and JANE, his daughters, are co-heirs and
they are under age. JANE, the wife of JOHN SANDON, is appointed their guardians.

AT THE COURT HELD ON TRIMMING DAY (7CHARLES I) JUNE 2, 1631

It was presented that ~~JOAN TOPPING~~, the wife of RICHARD TOPPING, had died since the last COURT seized of one-half part of a messuage in "LE LECKE END" and one half part of thirty-one acres of land, meadow and pasture belonging to the same which the said JOAN held as a daughter and co-heir of EDMUND TOPPING as by the COURT ROLL day May 22, 1589, ELIZABETH it doth appear, and by the death of said JOAN there falls to the LORD of the MANOR as heriot 7 lbs. RICHARD TOPPING, her husband and RICHARD TOPPING, his son and JOAN (?JANE) are her next heirs.

CHILDREN - From LEIGHTON BUZZARD Church Register:

(E40) ELIZABETH (1578-1578)
(E41) RICHARD (1579-1582)
(E24) JOAN (1582-1631) Married (E23) RICHARD TOPPING (1572-1644)
(E42) JANE (1584-) Married WILLIAM FONTAINE

From LEIGHTON BUZZARD Church Register, June 22, 1578,
JELUIM HAMMIONAGE, EDMUND TOPPING'S maid died.

(E25) EDMUND (1581-1650)

PARENTS

BORN-BAPT. - April 22, 1581 at WING,
BUCKS., Church Register.

(E8) JOHN (-1608)

DIED-BURIED - October 4, 1650 at WING.

(E9) JOAN NICHOLS MEADE
(-1610)

MARRIED - (E26) KATHERINE SHEPERD at WING, Sept. 30, 1613.

She was the daughter of WILLIAM SHEPERD, Bapt. April 1, 1592.
Church Warden at WING 1648.

Will of his mother mentions son EDMUND and leaves to him, corn, crops, hay and movable goods. 48 sheep, 3 horses, 5 beasts, 1 bullock, 1 calf. He is named Executor of the Will dated January 11, 1609, filed April 21, 1610.

His Will was probated October 21, 1651.

WING register - Good Wife TOPPING buried August 13, 1659.

CHILDREN:

(E48) WILLIAM (1614-)
(E49) JOHN (1618-After 1651)

There may have been a son EDMUND. P.C.C. - Act. Book 1649 Sept. 25, 1649. Administration of Goods of EDMUND TOPPING, who died beyond the seas was granted to JOHN TAPPING, his brother. Records at SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, ENGLAND

(E79) EDMUND (1606- ,)

PARENTS

BORN-BAPT. - December 27, 1606 - WING (E23) RICHARD (1572-1644)
Church Register.

(E24) JOAN TOPPING (1582-1631)

No other record.

(E18) ELIZABETH (1575-1575)

PARENTS

BORN-BAPT. - December 10, 1575

(E8) JOHN (-1608)

DIED-BURIED - December 18, 1575
WING - Church Register.

(E9) JOAN NICHOLS MEADE
(-1610)

Lived at CRAFTON, WING.

(E40) ELIZABETH (1578-1578)

PARENTS

BORN-BAPT. - July 27, 1578

(E13) EDMUND (-1587/8)

DIED-BURIED - August 5, 1578
LEIGHTON BUZZARD Church Register.

(E14) JOAN MANN (-)

Lived at LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

(E32) ELIZABETH (1589-)

PARENTS

BORN-BAPT. - Sept. 28, 1589 -
LEIGHTON BUZZARD Church Records.

(E10) RICHARD (-1616)

(E11) JANE LEACHE (1565-1603)

Lived at LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

(E45) EMMA (ALDRIDGE) (1665) Came to AMERICA in 1636

(2) AMERICAN CHART

~~BORN~~ - About 1665 at SOUTHAMPTON, L.I., N. Y.

~~DIED~~ - IN ENGLAND

MARRIED - (E44) THOMAS TOPPING at DUNSTABLE, BEDS., ENGLAND,
(1) November 16, 1628 - Church Register.

BAPT. of children of AMBROSE and EMMA ALDRIDGE - Records N. Y.
Public Library - CHESHAM, BUCKS., ENGLAND.

ELIZABETH - May 18, 1619

See (E44)

[illegible]

PARENTS

(E24) JOAN TOPPING (1582-1631)

[illegible]

(E22) HELEN (CROSSMAN) (1568-1629) Maiden Name (SELENA) BLACKETT.
(ELEANOR)

BORN-BAPT. - October 25, 1568 at LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS. - Church
Register.

Other entries - ELEANOR BLACKET, daughter of THOMAS BLACKET
and ALICE _____, who were married at LEIGHTON BUZZARD, November 1,
1566.

Other children:

ROBERT BLACKET - BAPT. June 29, 1567

MARY BLACKET - BAPT. June 10, 1571

THOMAS EVIOT alias BLACKET - Buried January 15, 1572.

(HELEN)

SELENA BLACKET married JOHN CROSSMAN, September 12, 1588 at LEIGHTON
BUZZARD.

COURT ROLLS OF LEIGHTON BUZZARD (31 JAMES I) JUNE 1, 1615

JOHN CROSSMAN fined for default of court.

(17 JAMES I) MAY 20, 1619 -

EDWIN CROSSMAN, Juror.

(18 JAMES I) OCTOBER 16, 1620

It was found that EDWIN CROSSMAN, a free tenant, had sold a messuage and
20 acres in LEIGHTON to GEORGE FOSTER.

ELIZABETH, daughter of EDWIN CROSSMAN, BAPT. August 5, 1621.

HELEN CROSSMAN, widow of JOHN CROSSMAN, married (E21) JOHN
TOPPING, JULY 5, 1605 at TOTTERNHOE, Church Register. She died at
TOTTERNHOE and was buried November 17, 1629. She had a son JOHN CROSS-
MAN by her first marriage.

Children by (E21) JOHN TOPPING (1578-1623)

(E43) RICHARD (1606-1622)

(E44) THOMAS (1608-1688) who married (E45) EMMA ALDRIDGE and came to
(1) (2)
America in 1636.

See (E21) JOHN TOPPING (1578-1623) for Will dated August 3, 1623.

(E3) HENRY (Before 1500-1547)

See direct line data in front of book.

(E27) JAMES (1591/2-1655)

PARENTS

BORN-BAPT. - February 20, 1591 at
LEIGHTON BUZZARD, Church Register.

(E10) RICHARD (-1616)

(E11) JANE LEACHE (-1603)

DIED - 1655 at BATTLESDEN, BEDS.

MARRIED - (E28) SARAH _____ (-After 1655)

AT THE COURT HELD THURSDAY IN PENTECOST WEEK (3 CHARLES I) -
MAY 17, 1627 CALLED TRIMMING DAY

LEIGHTON BUZZARD MANOR - JAMES TOPPING - Juror. Constables appointed BENJAMIN POOLE, ROBERT SYMS, RICHARD TOPPING. It was presented that JAMES TOPPING, a customary tenant of this Manor surrendered 19 1/2 acres of land in LEIGHTON to JOHN MOORE.

COURT ROLLS - MANOR OF LEIGHTON BUZZARD - TRIMMING DAY (6 CHARLES I)
1630

JAMES TOPPING, Juror.

COURT OF MAY 25, 1648 - Fined 6 pence for not attending court.

1652 - pays 6s - 4d. - Quit rent in 1652 court list.

P.C.C. #74 - AYLETT - SOMERSETT HOUSE LONDON - Wills dated April 8, 1655.

JAMES TOPPING - Yeoman of BATTLESDEN, BEDS. to SARAH BIRCHMOORE, my grandchild, bedstead, table, 6 stools, one coat cupboard all of which goods are standing in my parlor. To the 5 children of my daughter, SARAH, wife of ROBERT BIRCHMOORE, 20 lbs. each at the age of 21 years. To my daughter, SARAH, 1/2 the household goods remaining in the house not before willed. To my daughter, SARAH BIRCHMOORE, 40 s. a year until my grandchild, SARAH BIRCHMOORE, is 21 years of age. To my loving wife, SARAH TOPPING 12 lbs. yearly to be paid by my executor during her life in lieu of her thirds and if that 12 lbs. shall not be sufficient for her competent maintenance then she shall have so much more added as is necessary. To my brother, RICHARD, 5 lbs.; to my servant, MARGARET LAUGHAM, 10 lbs.; to ELINOR, servant to my daughter, SARAH BIRCHMOORE, 20 lbs.; to the widow DAY 2s. - 6d.; to widow, HOWSON, 2s. - 6d.; to widow EATON, 2 s. - 6d.; to THOMASINE BARON, 2s. - 6d.; to THOMAS MAURICE and his wife 5s.; to JOHN COATES, 4s.; to the widow BUTE 2s. All the rest of my goods to my son, THOMAS TOPPING, heir apparent who I make my sole executor. To my son-in-law, ROBERT BIRCHMOORE, all my corn now standing and growing in the fields of BATTLESDEN. WIT. to Will JANE HEENDAL - JOHN CHAPMAN.

Signed JAMES TOPPING X

Admin. granted July 25, 1655 to widow SARAH, as son THOMAS had since died.

AT THE COURT HELD JUNE 7, 1655, MANOR OF LEIGHTON BUZZARD

It is found by the homage that JAMES TAPING, customary tenant of this Manor, is dead; he died since the last court, seized of a messuage, 11 acres of land and 3 half acres of meadow and that THOMAS TAPIN is his son and next heir, who is present in the court and seeks admission and is admitted.

CHILDREN:

(E51) SARAH (1622-After 1655) Married ROBERT BIRCHMOORE.

(E50) THOMAS (-)

(E66) JAMES (1664-Before 1678)

PARENTS

BORN - July 4, 1664 at BOSTON, MASS. (E53) JOHN (1628-1678)

BAPT. - August 17, 1664 - BOSTON (E55) MARY WOODMANSEY
Church Record. (1629-1707)

DIED - Before 1678 - BOSTON, MASS.

Administration granted on the estate of his father in 1678 to his only son (E64) JOSEPH.

(E42) JANE (1584/5-After 1616)

PARENTS

BORN-BAPT. - January 10, 1584/5 - (E13) EDMUND (-1587/8)
LEIGHTON BUZZARD Register.

(E14) JOAN MANN (-)

DIED - After 1616.

MARRIED - WILLIAM FONTAINE of CREWKER in CHEDDINGTON at PIT-
STONE, July 15, 1604 - PITSTONE Church Register.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD COURT ROLLS - (14 JAMES I) MAY 13, 1616)

TRIMMING DAY - WILLIAM FONTAINE and JANE, his wife, sur-
rendered a moiety of a messuage in "LE LECKE END" and all of the lands be-
longing to the same to RICHARD TOPPING of CRAFTON. RICHARD is present
in court, seeks admission and is granted same.

(E20) JANE (-)

PARENTS

BORN - LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

(E5) RICHARD (-1579)

DIED -

(E6) JOAN _____ (-)

MARRIED - JOHN SANDON, September 9, 1588.

JANE, wife of JOHN SANDON, appointed guardian of JOAN and JANE, daughters of EDMUND TOPPING, May 25, 1589.

SANDON family were from EATON BRAY, a parish adjoining LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

(E36) JANE (1596/7-)

PARENTS

BORN - BAPT. - January 25, 1596/7 at LEIGHTON BUZZARD - Church Register.

(E10) RICHARD (-1616)

DIED -

(E11) JANE LEACHE
(1565-1603)

MARRIED -

(E38) JANE (1600-)

PARENTS

BAPT. - April 27, 1600 - LEIGHTON BUZZARD Church Register.

(E10) RICHARD (-1616)

DIED -

(E11) JANE LEACHE
(1565-1603)

(E85) JANE (1636--)

PARENTS

BAPT. - September 29, 1636 - WING Church Register.

(E80) RICHARD (1601-)

DIED -

(E81) ALICE SEARE (1601-)

MARRIED - ROBERT PIERSON of SUNDON, July 19, 1660, from HOCKLIFE, BEDS. Church Register. - JANE TAPPING of CRAFTON married ROBERT PIERSON of SUNDON. Lived at CRAFTON.

(E11) JANE (LEACHE) (1565-1603)

Daughter of THOMAS LEACHE
(-)

BAPT. - LEIGHTON BUZZARD, December 1, 1565, Church Register.

DIED - BURIED - June 22, 1603 at LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

MARRIED - 1st wife of (E10) RICHARD TOPPING, June 20, 1588 - LEIGHTON BUZZARD. See (E10) RICHARD (-1616) for data of children.

(E6) JOAN _____ (-)

BORN -

DIED -

MARRIED - (E5) RICHARD TOPPING (-1579) of LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

(E24) JOAN (1582-1631)

PARENTS

BORN - 1582 at LEIGHTON BUZZARD

(E13) EDMUND (About 1550-1587/8)

DIED - 1631 at CRAFTON, BUCKS.

(E14) JOAN MANN (-)

MARRIED - (E23) RICHARD TOPPING, April 24, 1600 at LEIGHTON BUZZARD Church Register.

AT THE COURT HELD, MAY 22, 1589

EDMUND TOPPING is dead and his daughters, JOAN and JANE, are his co-heirs and are under age. JANE SANDON, wife of JOHN SANDON, is appointed for both.

COURT ROLL - LEIGHTON BUZZARD, JUNE 2, 1631

It was reported that JOAN TOPPING, co-heir of EDMUND TOPPING and wife of RICHARD TOPPING, was dead.

THURSDAY IN PENTECOST WEEK CALLED TRIMMING DAY (7 CHARLES I)
JUNE 2, 1631

It was found by the homage that JOAN (JOHANNA) TOPPINGE, the wife of RICHARD TOPPINGE, had died since the last court seized of a half part of a messuage in "LE LECKE END" of LEIGHTON and a half of 3l acres of meadow and pasture to the same messuage belonging which JOAN had with another as daughter and co-heir of EDMUND TOPPING as by the ROLL of COURT doth appear dated May 22, 1589, "3l ELIZABETH" and by the death of JOAN there falls to the Lord as a heriot 7 lbs. and that RICHARD, her husband, is living and that RICHARD is his son. At the same court, it was found by the homage that RICHARD, the elder and RICHARD, the younger, son of the aforesaid RICHARD the elder, surrendered a messuage in "LE LECKE END", a close called "LAMAS CLOSE" adjacent and three half acres of meadow in KINGS MEAD to GEORGE ELLIOTT, ANNE his wife, and GEORGE, their son.

NOTE: This court roll is in duplicate. The copy at BEDFORD was slightly different in wording but of the same meaning as roll which was originally kept at ST. GEORGES, WINDSOR (prior to 1957) but now all rolls are at the COUNTY RECORD OFFICE, BEDFORD. (1958).

(E84) JOAN (1642-)

PARENTS

BAPT. - May 12, 1642 at WING Church
Register.

(E80) RICHARD (1601-)

(E81) ALICE SEARE (-)

DIED -

Lived at CRAFTON, WING,
BUCKS.

(E74) JOAN (KNIGHT) (-After 1662)

BORN -

DIED - After 1662

MARRIED - 1st (E73) WILLIAM TOPPING, November 5, 1646 at WING,
BUCKS., Church Register.

2nd HENRY WOODSTOCK, October 16, 1662 at WING,
BUCKS., Church Register.

At the Court of WING, held August 29, 1661, it was presented that
WILLIAM TOPPING was dead. He held freely of a cottage and 80 acres in
CRAFTON, rent ld. given to his wife JANE for life and after her death to his
brother, JOHN, his heir.

1662 HEARTH TAX LIST for CRAFTON, WING, lists widow TOPPING.

(E15) JOAN (MANN) (-)

BORN - Probably at LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

DIED -

MARRIED - (E13) EDMUND TOPPING, January 31, 1577 - LEIGHTON
BUZZARD, Church Register.

The MANN Family is quite ancient at LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

(E9) JOAN (NICHOLS) (MEADE) (-1610)

BORN - Probably at WING, BUCKS.

BURIED - March 19, 1610 at WING - Church Register.

MARRIED - 1st WILLIAM MEADE on October 31, 1555 at WING. He died in
1567.

CHILDREN by marriage to WILLIAM MEADE:

HENRY MEADE Bapt. March 6, 1567 - WING Church Register.

MARY MEADE Bapt. March 5, 1561 - WING Church Register - Married
JOHN INWARD.

JOAN MEADE Bapt. January 6, 1567 - Married THOMAS GOODMAN at
WING.

MARRIED - 2nd (E8) JOHN TOPPING - November 1, 1568 at WING, BUCKS.,
Church Register.

See (E8) JOHN TOPPING for names of TOPPING children.

Will of JOANE TOPPING of CRAFTON, BUCKS. - Filed April 21, 1610 -
Copy obtained from SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON. In the name of God, Amen, this
11 day of January in the year of our Lord God 1609, JOAN TOPPING of CRAFTON in
the Parish of WING in the COUNTY of BUCKS. being old and feeble yet whole and
perfect in remembrance, thanks be unto God, therefore, do make this my last Will
and Testament in the manner and form following:

First I bequeath my soule to the handes of the Almighty God, my
Saviour and Redeemer and my body to be buried in the Churchyarde
of WINGE near the grave of my husband JOHN TOPPING, late de-
ceased. Item - I give to the Church of WING XIIId. - I give to the
poor of the Parish of WING Vs. - VIIId. I give unto RICHARD
TOPPING, my son, all my household stuff in the hall except my
pewter. I give unto EDMUND TOPPING, my son, 3 horses, 5
beasts, one bullock and one calf. I give unto the said EDMUND
TOPPING 48 sheep. Item - I give unto the 3 children of RICHARD
TOPPING each of them a Coffe. I give unto the said RICHARD
TOPPING one Powdrying trough, one Querne, one Grindstone and
all my drinke barrells, one vat and one tub. I give unto KATHERINE
SANDERS, my daughter SANDERS' daughter one mattress, one bolster,
one coverlid, one blanket and one pair of sheets. I give unto JOHN
INWOOD, my son-in-law's children IIIs. VIId. each. I give unto my
sonne JOHN TOPPING'S sons each of them a sheep. I give unto each
of my sonne THOMAS GODMAN'S children 2s. - 6d. each. I give unto
my daughter SANDERS other three children 2s. - 6d. apiece. I give
unto AGNES TOPPING late my servant one lamb. I give unto EDMUND
TOPPING, my son all my part of corne and hay and all my crop in the
barne and the field whatsoever. All the rest of my goods and movables
unbequeathed whatsoever I give unto EDMUND TOPPING, my sonne,
whom I make and ordayne my sole executor to see my debts paid and
my legacies performed and my body conveniently brought to the ground.

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(E8) JOHN (-1608)

PARENTS

MARRIED (E9) JOAN NICHOLS MEADE
(-1610)

(E5) RICHARD (Before 1520-1579)

(E6) JOAN _____ (-)

See direct line in front of book.

(E18A) JOHN (1576/7-1576/7)

PARENTS

BAPT. - January 13, 1576/7

(E8) JOHN (-1608)

BURIED - January 23, 1576/7 WING,
BUCKS., Church Register.

(E9) JOAN NICHOLS MEADE
(-1610)

Lived in CRAFTON, WING.

(E21) JOHN (1578-1623)

PARENTS

MARRIED - (E22) HELEN CROSSMAN
(1568-1629)

(E8) JOHN (-1608)

(E9) JOAN NICHOLS MEADE
(-1610)

See direct line in front of book.

(E37) JOHN (1594-1594)

PARENTS

BAPT. - September 29, 1594

(E10) RICHARD (-)

BURIED - December 24, 1594

(E11) JANE LEACH (1565-1603)

From LEIGHTON BUZZARD Church Register.

(E49) JOHN (1618-After 1651)

PARENTS

BAPT. - April 13, 1618 at WING
Church Register.

(E25) EDMUND (1581-1650)

DIED - After 1651.

(E26) KATHERINE SHEPERD
(1592-)

MARRIED -

Was living in CRAFTON, WING in 1637 when he was named in the Will
of his Aunt, ELIZABETH SHEPERD.

~~Father's Will probated by JOHN living in CRAFTON in 1651.~~

(E78) JOHN (1604-1641)

PARENTS

BAPT. - April 27, 1604

(E23) RICHARD (1572-1644)

BURIED - November 17, 1641, WING
Church Register.

(E24) JOAN TOPPING (1582-1631)

MARRIED -

Lived at CRAFTON, WING.

(E53) JOHN (1628-1678)

PARENTS

BORN - 1628 in ENGLAND, Probably
at LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

(E29) RICHARD (1596-1658)

(E30) JUDITH (?HICKMAN)

DIED - September 14, 1678, age 50 years.

(-1633)

BURIED - KINGS CHAPEL, BOSTON, MASS.

Stone in Cemetery reads:

"HERE LYES BURIED YE BODY OF JOHN TAPPING
AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS - DYED SEPT. 14, 1678".

MARRIED - (E55) MARY WOODMANSEY at BOSTON, MASS., JUNE 20, 1654
BOSTON Church Records.

In the Will of (E29) RICHARD TOPPING, father of (E53) JOHN, then
living in SOULBURY, BUCKS. in 1658, mentions "the four children I have in NEW
ENGLAND," and "The Goods I sent to NEW ENGLAND."

From BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS RECORDS -

April 20, 1661 - JOHN TAPPIN - Exec. on a bond.

March 16, 1667 - JOHN TAPPING - Constable.

April, 1676 - - JOHN TAPPING - Constable.

April 6, 1672 - JOHN TAPPING and MARY, his wife, sell home lot in MENDHAM,
MASSACHUSETTS.

Tax List - Div. #5 - 1674 - JOHN TAPPIN - Head of family - 1 lb. 7s. - Town
JOSEPH TAPPIN - Son - 1 lb. 5s. - County.

March 18, 1664 - Buys house and land from JOHN WITHERDEN.

July 11, 1670 - Buys land in BOSTON from HENRY TAYLOR, adjoining land of
JOHN TOPPING.

Inventory - November 6, 1678 - Assets 5193 lbs. - debts 1992 lbs. -
Inventory made by EDWARD SHIPPER, JOHN WOODMANSEY.- JOHN TOPPING
was a felt maker and lived next to MR. GREENLEAF on the south and MR. TURNER
on the north.

From BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS RECORDS -

Wills, BOSTON, MASS. - #978 - September 17, 1678 - JOHN TOPPING names Widow MARY and only son JOSEPH. Inventory of estate shows a very large amount of goods on hand, linens, etc. Evidently, JOHN was a merchant.

Children of JOHN TOPPING and MARY WOODMANSEY:

(E63) JOHN - (1654-Before 1678)

(E64) JOSEPH - (1655-1678) married (E65) MARIANA (-After 1678)

(E66) JAMES - (1664-)

(E70) JOHN (1678-)

PARENTS

BORN - August 12, 1678 at BOSTON,
MASS. (Records).

(E64) JOSEPH (1655-1678)

(E65) MARIANA (-After 1678)

DIED) No further information.
) May have died young.

MARRIED)

(E63) JOHN (1654-Before 1678)

PARENTS

BORN - May 31, 1654 at BOSTON, MASS. (E64) JOHN (1628-1678)

BAPT. - June 17, 1654 - BOSTON, MASS. (E55) MARY WOODMANSEY
(1629-1707)

DIED - Before 1678.

The Administration of the Estate of his father, JOHN, is in 1678 granted to the only son, JOSEPH.

(E62) JOSEPH (1645-1645)

PARENTS

BORN - July 28, 1645 - BOSTON, MASS. (E29) RICHARD (1596/7-1658)
Town Records.

(E31) ALICE ? SEARE
(-1675)

BAPT. - July 30, 1645.

DIED - August 14, 1645 at BOSTON, MASS.

(E54) JOSEPH (1648-1716/7)

PARENTS

BAPT. at age 14 days, April 11, 1648
at BOSTON, MASS. - Town Records.

(E29) RICHARD (1596-1658)

DIED - At SOULBURY, BUCKS.,
BURIED - ENGLAND, February 17, 1716/17.

(E31) ALICE (?SEARE)
(-1675)

MARRIED - 1st (E56A) ANN () who was buried at SOULBURY,
May 9, 1690.

MARRIED - 2nd (E56E) MARY () who was buried at SOULBURY,
February 15, 1696/7.

JOSEPH was listed as a HEMP. DRESSER. He was mentioned in his
father's Will in 1658 - P.C.C. #128 - WOOTON. Will proved April 9, 1658. He was
bequeathed 5 lbs. to bind him as an Apprentice and 5 lbs. when 21 years of age.

Children (E54) JOSEPH (1648-1716/7):

(E54B) JOSEPH (1679-)

(E54C) ABEL (-1742) married MARY and had a daughter named
SARA, who was baptized on December 1, 1715.

NOTE: (E54) JOSEPH is an example of where a person is born in
AMERICA in Colonial times and who goes to ENGLAND and
where it is possible that his descendents may be living today.

(E54B) JOSEPH (1679-)

PARENTS

BAPT. - July 16, 1679 at SOULBURY,
BUCKS. - Church Register.

(E54) JOSEPH (1648-1716/7)

(E56A) ANN
(-1690)

No further reference found to JOSEPH in SOULBURY, but there is
reference to ABEL. It is possible that JOSEPH and ABEL are the same. The
writer has shown them separate with a reference note.

(E64) JOSEPH (1655-1678)

PARENTS

BORN-BAPT. - May 17, 1664 at
BOSTON, MASS.

(E53) JOHN (1628-1678)

DIED - December 20, 1678 at
BOSTON, MASS.

(E55) MARY WOODMANSEY
(1629-1707)

BURIED - KINGS CHAPEL, BOSTON, MASS. A stone in Chapel is inscribed:
"FUGIT HORA - MEMENTO MORI - VIVI MEMOR LEOTHI FUGIT HORA
JOSEPH TOPPING - AGE 23 YEARS - d. DEC. 20, 1678"

MARRIED - (E65) MARIANA () (-)

Adm. to Estate granted to MARIANA, Widow of JOSEPH, February 10, 1678/9.

December 23, 1678 - Died December 19, 1678 - JOSEPH TOPPING, Shop Keeper - Deceased.

L/A issued to Wife, MARIANA - #1019 - Case #984 - Assets 1312 lbs. - JOHN USHER - EDWARD SHIPPER - Merchants of BOSTON give bond.

An old Woodbridge, N. J. Record of SAMUEL SHEPERD d. June 10, 1710. The administrator lists people in New England that owe the Estate money. One is JOSEPH TOPPING of BOSTON, MASS.

Children:

(E70) JOHN (1678- - from BOSTON Records.

(E58) JUDITH (HUMBLES) (-1717)

BORN - Probably at TOTTERNHOE, ENGLAND.

DIED - May 22, 1717 at LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.

MARRIED - (E57) BENJAMIN TOPPING - May 19, 1684 at TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.

Children:

(E67) BENJAMIN (1692-1725)

(E68) MARY (1684-)

(E69) SUSSANA (Bapt. 1692-)

(E30) JUDITH (?HICKMAN) (-1635) Probably daughter of BENJAMIN
HICKMAN - Baptized June 20, 1613.

BORN - Probably in ENGLAND and came
to AMERICA with RICHARD.

DIED - 1635 in BOSTON, MASS. - Church Records - BOSTON.

RICHARD and Wife, JUDITH, join the Church at BOSTON, November 1633.

MARRIED - 1st wife of (E29) RICHARD TAPPING (1596/7-1658)

(E19) KATHERINE (-)

PARENTS

BORN - Probably at LEIGHTON
BUZZARD, ENGLAND.

(E5) RICHARD Before 1520-1579)

DIED -

(E6) JOAN _____ (-)

MARRIED - JOHN CARTER, September 29, 1580 at LEIGHTON BUZZARD,
ENGLAND, Church Register.

(E35) KATHERINE (1603-1604)

PARENTS

BORN-BAPT. - May 23, 1603)

(E10) RICHARD - (-1616)

DIED-BURIED - May 7, 1604)

(E11) JANE LEACHE
(1565-1603)

LEIGHTON BUZZARD Church Register.

(E86) KATHERINE (1634-)

PARENTS

BORN-BAPT. - November 9, 1634, WING, (E80) RICHARD (1601-)
BUCKS. - Church Register.

DIED -

(E81) ALICE SEARE
(-)

MARRIED -

(E39) KATHERINE (1569-1623)

PARENTS

BORN-BAPT. - February 2, 1569/70,
WING Church, BUCKS.

(E8) JOHN (-1608)

DIED-BURIED - August 13, 1623 at
WING.

(E9) JOAN (NICHOLS)(MEADE)
(-1610)

MARRIED - WILLIAM SANDERS, January 14, 1593 at WING, BUCKS. He was
buried November 22, 1623 at WING.

From Church Register of WING, JOHN (daughter - sic) of WILLIAM
and KATHERINE SANDERS baptized December 25, 1594. JOHN (Sic. Daughter) of
WILLIAM and KATHERINE SANDERS, christened February 29, 1594.

Mentioned in JOAN NICHOLS MEADE TOPPING, her mother's Will,
January 11, 1609, I give unto KATHERINE SANDERS, my daughter SANDERS' daughter,
one mattress, one bolster, one coverlid, one blanket and one pair of sheets. I give
unto my daughter SANDERS' other 3 children, 2s. - 6d. each.

(E26) KATHERINE (SHEPERD) (1592-) Daughter of WILLIAM SHEPERD.
BAPT. - April 1, 1592 at WING Church.

DIED -

MARRIED - (E25) EDMUND TOPPING, September 30, 1613 at WING, BUCKS.
(Church Register). The Will of her sister, ELIZABETH SHEPERD, proved April 22,
1637 mentions her kinsmen WILLIAM and JOHN, sons of her sister KATHERINE.

(E61) LYDIA (-)

PARENTS

BORN - Probably at BOSTON, MASS.

(E29) RICHARD (1596/7-1658)

DIED - Probably in ENGLAND.

(E31) ALICE (?SEARE)
(-1675)

MARRIED -

Lived in ENGLAND in 1658 at SOULBURY, BUCKS.

Named in Father's Will - P.C.C. #128 - WOOTON - 1658 - proved April
9, 1658. Inherited 20 shillings when age 21 years.

(E52) LIDIA (-1679)

PARENTS

BORN - Probably in ENGLAND ?
At SUNDON, BEDS.

(E63) RICHARD (-1664)

Mother ? _____

DIED - February 17, 1679 at SUNDON,
BURIED - BEDS. (Church Register.

MARRIED - RICHARD LANE who was buried at SUNDON, March 9, 1706.

AT THE SUNDON COURT ROLL HELD (16 CHARLES II) APRIL 12, 1664
(Now in BEDFORD COUNTY RECORD OFFICE)

At the view of the FRANK PLEDGE with Court BARON for the Mancr of
SUNDON, the homage presented that RICHARD TOPPING'S, who held freely of the
LORD to him and his heirs by fealty suit of Court and a yearly rent of 1 lb., a mes-
suage in the tenure of RICHARD LANE with a close of pasture containing by esti-
mation three rods has died so seized since the last Court and LIDIA, wife of said
RICHARD LANE, is his daughter and next heir and thereby falls to the Lord as a
relief x x which the certain RICHARD is not present here in Court to do fealty and
pay the relief. Therefore, it is ordered that he attend the next Court.

(E65) MARIANA () (About 1656-After 1679)

BORN - About 1656

DIED - After 1679 - Probably at BOSTON, MASS.

MARRIED - (E64) JOSEPH TOPPING (1655-1678) of BOSTON, MASS. Probably
in 1677.

(E65) MARIANA (CONT'D.)

February 10, 1678 - Appointed Administrator of the Estate of JOSEPH, BOSTON, MASS.

February 21, 1678 - MARY and MARIANA TOPPING make an Agreement re. lands in BOSTON.

Children (E70) JOHN, son of JOSEPH and MARIANA TOPPING, born August 17, 1678 at BOSTON.

(E87) MARY (-)

PARENTS

BORN -

(E82) RICHARD (1639-1722)

DIED -

(E83) SARAH SEARE
(-1722)

MARRIED - JEREMIAH ROSBARD (-) Lived at LEDBURN, MENTMORE, ENGLAND.

(E68) MARY (1684-)

PARENTS

BORN-BAPT. - March 14, 1684/5

(E57) BENJAMIN (1650-1700)

DIED -

(E58) JUDITH HUMBLER
(-1717)

MARRIED - WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT - July 30, 1710 at LEIGHTON BUZZARD, ENGLAND (Church Register).

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Lived in LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

(E56) MARY () (-1696/7)

BORN -

DIED - February 15, 1697/8 at SOULBURY, BUCKS., ENGLAND (Church Register.).

MARRIED - 2nd Wife of (E54) JOSEPH TOPPING (1648-1716/7).

(E54D) MARY () (-1748)

BORN -

DIED - December 12, 1748 - SOULBURY, BUCKS., ENGLAND (Church Register)

MARRIED - (E54C) ABEL TOPPING - Probably about 1712.

Children:

(E54E) SARA (-1715)

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(E55) MARY (WOODMANSEY) (1629-1707)

PARENTS

BORN - 1629 in ENGLAND. (ROBERT) (-)
(JOHN?) WOODMANSEY

DIED - May 21, 1707 - Stone in KINGS
CHAPEL, BOSTON, MASS. MARGARET, (-12/29/1660)

MARRIED - 1st (E53) JOHN TOPPING (1628-1678) June 20, 1654 at BOSTON,
MASS.

- 2nd DR. WILLIAM AVERY in 1679 in BOSTON, MASS. He died
March 18, 1686, age 65 years; buried in KINGS CHAPEL.

The first wife of DR. AVERY died at DEDHAM, MASS. September 28,
1678. He operated a book shop and other supplies to which was added a drug store;
son JOSEPH operated this store prior to his death in 1678.

July 31, 1676 - MARY WINSLOW of BOSTON, makes a bequest in her
Will to her sons and daughters and also 4 lbs. per year to MRS. TAPPIN for 4 years
for the maintenance of ANN GRAY as per her agreement with MRS. TAPPIN.

February 21, 1679 - MARY and MARIANA TOPPING make an Agreement
regards lands in BOSTON.

June 10, 1702 - MARY AVERY, formerly widow of JOHN TOPPING, felt
maker, and Administrator of the Estate of said JOHN TOPPING, sells all lands as
granted to JOHN TOPPING in 1642.

From an article published in BOSTON, July 20, 1855 - The LIGGETT
(LIDGETT) Estate bought of WILLIAM AVERY and his wife MARY, Widow of JOHN
TOPPING, included 2 stores next to the COLLEGE property.

Children from BOSTON Records:

- (E66) JAMES - BORN July 4, 1664
- (E63) JOHN - (1654-Before 1678)
- (E64) JOSEPH - BAPT. May 17, 1664. MARRIED (E65) MARIANA _____.

(E53A) NATHANIEL? (-)

PARENTS

BORN - (E29) RICHARD (1596-1658)

DIED - (E31) ALICE (?SEARE)
(-1675)

MARRIED -

This is the only reference found. From BOSTON COURT RECORDS -
NATHANIEL TOPPING for breaking into houses was whipped and put in the custody of
GOODMAN GILLIAM.

(E1) RICHARD (About 1470-By 1524)

BORN - About 1470

DIED - By about 1524 at LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

See data in direct line in front of this book.

(E5) RICHARD (Before 1520-1579)

BORN - Before 1520 at LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

DIED - Buried December 21, 1579 at LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

See data in direct line in front of this book.

(E23) RICHARD (1572-1644)

PARENTS

BORN - (E8) JOHN (-1608)

BAPT. - June 28, 1572) From WING (E9) JOAN NICHOLS MEADE
) Church (-1610)

BURIED - May 21, 1644) Register.

MARRIED - April 24, 1600 - (E24) JOAN TOPPING, daughter of (E13) EDMUND TOPPING at LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS. (Church Register.)

ENTRIES FROM THE COURT ROLLS OF THE WING MANOR (NOW DEPOSITED AT
AYLESBURY BUCKS.)

April 5, 1630 - RICHARD TOPPING - a Juror.

May 29, 1632 - RICHARD TOPPING - a Juror.

May 7, 1641 - RICHARD TOPPING - a Juror.

Will dated February 1653/4 - P.C.C. #67 - Rovers - now on file at SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON.

RICHARD TOPPING of CRAFTON, Parish of WING, Yeoman, to be buried in the Church yard of WING near his wife (she died in 1631). To the poor of the Parish, 20s. To son, THOMAS, 20 lbs. and coverlid which was my daughter ANNE'S. To son, RICHARD, who owes me 20 lbs., I forgive him and give him 5 lbs. and to his 4 children 40s. each. Other bequests to sons, EDMOND, GEORGE, WILLIAM and mentions son JOHN, deceased. To brothers, EDMUND and WILLIAM, to grandson, RICHARD, to granddaughter, JEANE, daughter of son, RICHARD.

COURT HELD AT LEIGHTON (7 CHARLES I) JUNE 2, 1631

From LEIGHTON BUZZARD COURT ROLLS (Now 1958 at COUNTY RECORD OFFICE, BEDFORD. - Previously kept at ST. GEORGES, WINDSOR).

RICHARD TOPPING, the elder and RICHARD TOPPING, the younger, surrendered a messuage in "LE LECKE END", a close called LAMAS CLOSE and 3 half acres in KINGS MEDE to the use of GEORGE ELIOT and ANNE, his wife (LE LECKE END = LAKE END). (In modern times, this was LAKE STREET).

(10 CHARLES I) MAY 29, 1634

RICHARD TOPPING, the elder, and RICHARD TOPPING, the younger, of CRAFTON surrendered 24 acres to the use of JOHN MOORE, ESQ.

COURT ROLL OF WING, APRIL 25, 1645

It was presented that RICHARD TOPPING was dead, who held freely of 20 acres of land in CRAFTON, rent 6d. yearly. RICHARD TOPPING was his son and heir of about 40 years of age. At the same Court, it was presented that RICHARD TOPPING also held by copy of the Court 40 acres of land in CRAFTON by yearly rent of 16s. and the services thereby owed by right accustomed. Heriot a horse worth 3 lbs. RICHARD TOPPING is his son and heir aged about 40 years.

AT THE COURT HELD AUGUST 29, 1661

It was presented that RICHARD TOPPING held 20 acres of freehold land rent 6d. and 40 acres of copyhold land rent 16s. RICHARD TOPPING, age 22 years, is son and heir. This is (E82) RICHARD, son of (E80) RICHARD and grandson of (E23) RICHARD. This is an excellent example of how Manor lands were passed down from generation to generation.

Children of (E23) RICHARD and (E24) JOAN TOPPING:

(E78) JOHN - (1604-1641)

(E79) EDMUND - (1606-)

(E75) THOMAS - (1609-) Married (E76) SARAH _____

(E72) WILLIAM - (1612-1612)

(E77) ANNE - (1618-Before 1643)

(E80) RICHARD - (1601-) Married (E81) ALICE SEARE

(E71) GEORGE - (1614-)

(E73) WILLIAM - (1621-1661) Married (E74) JOAN KNIGHT.

(E41) RICHARD (1579-1582)

PARENTS

BAPT. - February 8, 1579/80

(E13) EDMUND (-1587/8)

BURIED - September 22, 1582.

(E14) JOAN MANN (-)

LEIGHTON BUZZARD Church Register.

(E29) RICHARD (1596/7-1658)

PARENTS

BORN - March 20, 1596/7

(E10) RICHARD (-1616)

LEIGHTON BUZZARD Church Register.

(E11) JANE LEACH (1565-1603)

DIED - 1658 at SOULBURY BUCKS.,
ENGLAND.

MARRIED - 1st wife (E30) JUDITH (?HICKMAN) probably at LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

Joined the Church at BOSTON, MASS. November 1633 - RICHARD TOPPING and his wife, JUDITH.

MARRIED - 2nd wife (E31) ALICE (?SEARE) (-1675)

Admitted as Freeman - March 4, 1633/4 at BOSTON, MASS.

November 6, 1637, RICHARD TOPPING, granted 24 acres of land bounded S/E by WILLIAM DYNELY.

1648 - RICHARD TOPPING buys land and dwelling from HENRY BRIDGMAN in BOSTON.

November 5, 1648 - RICHARD TOPPING sells to NATHANIEL WILLIAMS rights to property in BOSTON.

1649 - sells a house to NATHANIEL WILLIAMS and RICHARD CRITCHLEY.

MAY 13, 1652 - LIBER I - Page 212 - BOSTON, MASS. Land Records

RICHARD TOPPING of BOSTON grants to MARJORIE ELLIOTT of BOSTON, widow of JACOB ELLIOTT, her late husband 27 acres of land on MUDDY RIVER also 2 acres at CENTURY FIELD BOSTON. Others sell her land at the same time - all for the use of her children.

NOTE: JACOB ELLIOTT, JR. and MARY WILLOCK, widow were married November 9, 1654.

MARCH 16, 1654 - BOSTON RECORDS

RICHARD TOPPING sells all his lands in BOSTON and ROXBURY to THOMAS ROBINSON - deed signed RICHARD and ALICE TOPPING.

Named in Will of brother, JAMES TOPPING of BATTLES DEN, BEDS. dated April 5, 1655, probated July 25, 1655 - P.C.C. #74 - AYLETT - Inherited 5 lbs.

Will of RICHARD TOPPING - P.C.C. - WOOTON #128 - Proved April 9, 1658, dated August 20, 1657.

I, RICHARD TOPPING, of SOULBURY, County of BUCKS., weak in body but sound in mind and in proper memory make this my last Will and Testament. My body to be buried in the burial place of SOULBURY. To my son, RICHARD, 40 shillings to be paid to him on the day of my death. To my four children which I have in New England 20 shillings each and this to be paid to them conditionally if the venture of goods I sent to New England should come well over, otherwise but 10 shillings a piece and this to be paid to them if they do come over in to this land. I give unto my daughter, LIDIA, 20 shillings and this to be paid to her when she is one and twenty years. To my younger sons, JOSEPH and BENJAMIN, five pounds each to bind them as apprentices and five pounds each when they are 21 years of age. All the rest of my goods to my wife _____. Proved at LONDON, April 9, 1658. Wife ALICE granted executrix to administer.

X Mark of RICHARD TOPPING

WITNESSES

THOMAS HICKMAN
and
THOMAS EMMISTON.

Children of (E29) RICHARD:

(E53) JOHN - (1628-1678) Married (E55) MARY WOODMANSEY.

(E54) JOSEPH - (1648-1715) Married 1st (E56) MARY _____
2nd (E56A) ANN _____

(E57) BENJAMIN - (1650-1700) Married (E58) JUDITH HUMBLE.

(E60) RICHARD - (-1664) Married _____

(E61) LIDIA - (-) Married _____

(E62) JOSEPH - (1645-1645)

(E59) TIMOTHY - (1633-1633)

(E53A) ?NATHANIEL - (-)

NOTE: This data on (E29) RICHARD has a great amount of information and interesting angles as to activity in Colonial times. He was born in ENGLAND, emigrates to AMERICA in his early years, has children born in AMERICA and then he returns to ENGLAND taking with him apparently his younger children. In his Will, he refers to his four children in 1657 who are in NEW ENGLAND. In 1658, so far the writer has only been able to account for (E53) JOHN TOPPING (1628-1678) who was in BOSTON and possibly NATHANIEL TOPPING in BOSTON; of him there is some question. They are the only TOPPINGS found in LIBERTY - P. 17-NEW LONDON, CONN. March 28, 1652, a NATHANIEL TAPPIN receives a grant of land.

Now if NEW ENGLAND refers to all the Colonies including VIRGINIA, then there is a wider field for search for 2 or 3 people named TOPPING other than (E44) THOMAS TOPPING (1608-1688). At that time (1658) there was a group of TOPPINGS in CONN. who had not been established as connected, but whom I believe should be in some way. They were:

MILFORD, CONNECTICUT TOWN RECORDS - COMMENTS MADE BY THE WRITER

Widow TAPPING died at MILFORD, CONNECTICUT - Vol. 1 - P. 250 - 1644 - who this was I do not know.

This man may have been a son of (E29) RICHARD.

JAMES TAPPING died at MILFORD - 1661 - from MILFORD Town Records - Vol. 1 - Page 235.

FROM NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT TOWN RECORDS - 1661

JAMES TAPPING appointed as a searcher for 2 missing men wanted by the Government. This JAMES (-1661) may have had as a son, JAMES TAPPING, who died August 6, 1712 at MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT. From HARTFORD COUNTY L.R.I. - P. 20.

First Church - MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT - August 30, 1668 - GOODMAN TOPPIN and ANNA TOPPIN.

FROM GUILFORD, CONNECTICUT TOWN RECORDS

JAMES TAPPING married HANNAH HILL - March 5, 1656 - Vo. A - Page 60. HARTFORD Library Record gives name as HANNAH GARRETT.

CHILDREN:

ELIZABETH (1670-1675)

ANNA (1662 -) Married THOMAS WARD, December 6, 1693 at MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT - Vol. L.R.I. - P. 20.

FROM GUILFORD, CONNECTICUT TOWN RECORDS (CONT'D.)

JAMES (1665-1742) Married ANNA WARD.

MARY (1668-) Married DANIEL. BARNES.

HANNAH HILL may have been HANNAH GARRETT by a previous marriage. JOHN HILL of GUILFORD, CONNECTICUT died June 8, 1689 and estate was inventoried June 13, 1689. Mentions wife, KATHERINE, sons JOHN and JAMES, daughter HANNAH TAPPING and the children of his deceased daughters, SARAH and ELIZABETH - Data taken from genealogy of the MOORE and ALLIED families.

FROM NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT TOWN RECORDS - VOL. II - Page 60

October 12, 1663 at a private meeting of the Court, widow HILL asked the court regards the custody of her late husband's child because she heard that one TAPPING, a hatter at MILFORD, wished to take the child. The child was left in the custody of the Widow HILL. At the same court, the disposition of the house and land of the late ROBERT HILL left as an estate to be held and divided when his children became of age.

Estate of JAMES TOPPING, August 6, 1712 - wife and son appointed executors -

WITNESSES

THOMAS ROCKWELL
RICHARD MINOR
JOSEPH ROCKWELL

Inventory lists 1 bible, quantity of whale bone - total estate 315 lbs., 14 shillings, 2 pennies. HANNAH HILL TOPPING died at MIDDLETOWN, CONN. February 7, 1731/2.

JAMES (1665-1742) PARENTS

BORN August 19, 1665 at MIDDLETOWN, CONN. () JAMES (-1712)

BAPT. November 10, 1668 - Vol. L.R.I. - P. 20 () HANNAH HILL (-1731)

DIED December 21, 1742 at MIDDLETOWN, CONN.

MARRIED - ANN WARD (1670-1755) February 4, 1691/2 At MIDDLETOWN, CONN.

Children:

ANN (1700-1778) Married ANDREW BACON, Jr.

ANNAH (1692-1692)

ANNA (1694-1694)

JAMES (1691/2-1691/2)

JAMES (1693-1694)

JAMES (1698-1698)

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT RECORDS #5392

Will of LT. JAMES TAPPING dated December 13, 1739 at MIDDLE-TOWN, CONNECTICUT when he was age 74 years and filed in 1743.

To Wife, ANN, as long as she remains a widow.

To only child, ANN BACON, now widow of ANDREW BACON, JR. deceased. To only grandchild ANDREW BACON.

If no heirs survive, the estate shall be divided amongst his natural heirs in the line of TAPPINGS. Administration Wife and friend WILLIAM ROCKWELL - Executor JOHN WHITEMORE, WILLIAM SANTERMAYO - Testified January 11, 1743 - Inventory - 1584 lbs. 9 shillings - land at LONG HILL near EZEKIEL GILBERTSON and DANIEL HALL.

Cemetery inscription - JAMES TAPPIN died December 21, 1742, age 77 years.

So if JAMES TOPPING who died at MILFORD, CONNECTICUT in 1661 was a child of (E29) RICHARD, then this male branch ran out in 1742. In time more information may be found as to the children of (E29) RICHARD in AMERICA.

(E10) RICHARD (Before 1565-1616)

PARENTS

BORN - Probably at LEIGHTON
BUZZARD before 1565.

(E5) RICHARD (Before 1520-1579)

(E6) JOAN (-)

DIED-BURIED - November 10, 1616
LEIGHTON BUZZARD Church Register.

MARRIED - 1st wife (E11) JANE LEACHE (1565-1603) June 20, 1588

2nd wife (E12) Not known at time of this writing.

Tax Roll 1600 - LEIGHTON BUZZARD - Tax 3 lbs. on goods.

Church Warden at LEIGHTON BUZZARD - January 3, 1610.

CHILDREN of (E10) RICHARD:

(E32) ELIZABETH (1580-)
(E37) JOHN (1594-1594)
(E36) JANE (1595-1595)
(E29) RICHARD (1596-1658) Married (E30) JUDITH HICKMAN.
(E38) JANE (1600-)
(E27) JAMES (1591-1655) Married (E28) SARAH _____.
(E35) KATHERINE (1603-1604)
(E33) AGNES (1607-1608)
(E34) ALICE (1606-1607)

(E80) RICHARD (1601-By 1661)

PARENTS

BAPT. - July 12, 1601

(E23) RICHARD (1572-1644)

DIED - Before 1661

(E24) JOAN TOPPING
(1582-1631)

MARRIED - (E81) ALICE SEARE- July 30,
1633 at WING, BUCKS. Church. Lived at CRAFTON, WING.

CHILDREN:

(E82) RICHARD (1639-1722) Married (E83) SARAH SEARE (-1722)
(E84) JOAN (1642-)
(E85) JANE (1636-)
(E86) KATHERINE (1634-)

(E82) RICHARD (1639-1722) had a daughter (E87) MARY who married
JEREMIAH ROSBARD.

(E43) RICHARD (1606-1622)

PARENTS

BAPT. - August 17, 1606

(E21) JOHN (1578-1623)

DIED - BURIED - March 22, 1622

(E22) HELEN CROSSMAN

From TOTTERNHOE, BEDS. Church Register.

(1568-1629)

This RICHARD was the brother of (E44) THOMAS (1608-1688) who came to
AMERICA in 1636. When their father, JOHN, (1578-1623) died, he left 1/2 of his es-
tate to son, THOMAS, to wife, HELEN, the other 1/2.

(E82) RICHARD (1639-1722)

PARENTS

BAPT. - November 7, 1639) WING (E80) RICHARD (1601-)
) Church
BURIED - October 8, 1722) Register (E81) ALICE SEARE (-)

MARRIED - (E83) SARAH SEARE, who was buried at WING, November 28, 1722.

September 13, 1661, RICHARD TOPPING contributed 5 shillings to the free and voluntary present to his Majesty, KING CHARLES II.

Children (E87) MARY (-) who married JEREMIAH ROSBARD.

The RICHARD TOPPING property in CRAFTON was sold in 1724. At the Court held October 28, 1724, JEREMIAH ROSBARD of WOEBURNE, MARY, his wife, and JEREMIAH, their son, surrendered 40 acres of land in CRAFTON to THOMAS FOWLER. At the same court, THOMAS FOWLER acknowledged that he held certain freehold land rent 6d. that he purchased of JEREMIAH ROSBARD.

(E54) SARA (-)

PARENTS

BORN-BAPT. - December 1, 1715 at (E54C) ABEL (-1742)
SOULBURY, BUCKS.- Church Register.

(E54D) MARY _____ (-1748)

DIED -

MARRIED -

(E28) SARAH _____ (-After 1655)

BORN -

DIED - After 1655

MARRIED - (E27) JAMES TAPPING (1591/2-1655) who lived at BATTLEDEN, BEDS.

Named in husband's Will. P.C.C. 74 - AYLETT - April 8, 1655.
Appointed Executrix July 25, 1655.

CHILDREN:

(E50) THOMAS (-1655)

(E51) SARAH (1622-) Married ROBERT BIRCHMORE.

Mentioned in LEIGHTON BUZZARD COURT ROLL, MAY 17, 1627 with husband, JAMES TOPPING.

(E76) SARAH _____ (-)

Residence - LONGMARSTON.

BORN -

DIED -

MARRIED - (E75) THOMAS TOPPING (1609-)

CHILDREN:

(E88) THOMAS (1645-After 1684) Lived at LONGMARSTON.

(E91) SARAH _____ (-)

PARENTS

BORN -

(E90) THOMAS (-1722)

DIED -

MARRIED - NICHOLAS HARLEY

Father (E90) THOMAS died in 1722 and in his Will dated February 7, 1722, he leaves all of his estate in trust for his daughter, SARAH.

(E51) SARAH (1622-)

PARENTS

BAPT. - July 14, 1622 at LEIGHTON
BUZZARD - Church Register.

(E27) JAMES (1591-1655)

(E28) SARAH _____ (-)

DIED -

MARRIED - ROBERT BIRCHMORE.

Named in father's Will - P.C.C. 74 AYLETT in 1655 - Had 5 children, one was a daughter, SARAH.

(E83) SARAH (SEARE) (-1722)

BORN -

DIED-BURIED - November 28, 1722 - CRAFTON, WING, BUCKS.

MARRIED (E82) RICHARD TOPPING (1639-1722) of LEDBURN, MENTMORE.

Will inventory dated December 1, 1722 made by SAMUEL SEARE, brother of SARAH. Total estate 44-5-0-lbs.

CHILDREN:

(E87) MARY - Married JEREMIAH ROSBARD.

(E69) SUSSANA (1692-)

PARENTS

BAPT. - October 22, 1692 at LEIGHTON BUZZARD, ENGLAND. (E57) BENJAMIN (1650-1700)

(E58) JUDITH HUMBLER

DIED -

(-1717)

MARRIED - HENRY HOOD - April 15, 1718 at LEIGHTON BUZZARD (Church Register).

Lived in LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS., ENGLAND.

(E17) THOMAS (1562-)

PARENTS

BAPT. - LEIGHTON BUZZARD,
July 12, 1562, Church Register.

(E5) RICHARD (Before 1520-
1579)

DIED -

(E6) JOAN (? PRENTICE)

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No further information.

(E75) THOMAS (1609-)

PARENTS

BAPT. - February 4, 1609/10
WING, BUCKS., Church Register.

(E23) RICHARD (1572-1644)

(E24) JOAN TOPPING (1582-1631)

DIED -

MARRIED - (E76) SARAH _____

Named in father's Will dated February 1643/4 - P.C.C. 67 - ROVERS.

CHILDREN:

After

(E88) THOMAS (1645-1684) of LONGMARSTON, GRAZIER.

(E88) THOMAS (1645-After 1684)

PARENTS

BORN - 1645

(E75) THOMAS (1609-)

DIED -

(E76) SARAH _____ (-)

In 1684, he lived at LONGMARSTON, ENGLAND, and was age 39 years.

CHILDREN:

(E89) WILLIAM (-)

(E44) THOMAS (1608-1688)

PARENTS

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MARRIED - (E45) EMMA ALDRIDGE at (E21) JOHN (1578-1623)

(2)

DUNSTABLE, ENGLAND, November 16, 1628. (E22) HELEN CROSSMAN
(1568-1629)

(E44) THOMAS will be listed as (1) in the AMERICAN portion of the Genealogy.

See direct line in front of the book.

(E50) THOMAS (-1655)

PARENTS

BORN - (E27) JAMES (1591/2-1655)

DIED - About 1655 before July 25th (E28) SARAH _____ (-)
but after June 5th.

MARRIED -

Named as sole executor of father's (JAMES) Will dated April 8, 1655 -
P.C.C. AYLETT _ Administration granted to Widow SARAH, July 25, 1655 as son
THOMAS had died.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD COURT ROLL, JUNE 5, 1655 - THOMAS
TOPPING admitted to Court.

COURT ROLL, NOVEMBER 8, 1655 - It was found that THOMAS
TOPPING, a customary tenant had died since the last Court (June 5, 1655) seized of
a cottage and a messuage in "LE LECKE END" and 11 acres of land and 3 acres of
meadow and that X _____ is the next heir. (X _____ left blank. -
Evidently, the steward did not know the name of the next heir). At COURT held
1658 - the heirs of THOMAS TOPPING make default of suit of COURT.

See (E51) SARAH (1622-) sister married ROBERT BIRCHMORE.

(E90) THOMAS (-1722)

PARENTS

BORN - (E89) WILLIAM (-)

DIED - 1722 at TRING.

In a Will dated February 7, 1722, THOMAS TOPPING, gentleman of
TRING gave to his trusty and well beloved friends, THOMAS WOODMAN of BOARS-
CRAFT in MARSWORTH alias TRING and JAMES TATNELL, the elder, of LONG-
MARSTON (who were also his executors) all his property in trust for his daughter,
SARAH, wife of NICHOLAS HARLEY. The land was 136 acres of farm land in
LONGMARSTON near CRAFTON, BUCKS.

(E59) TIMOTHY (1633-1633)

PARENTS

BORN - October 15, 1633 at BOSTON,
MASS.

(E29) RICHARD (1596/7-1658)

DIED - December 15, 1633 at BOSTON,
MASS.

(E30) JUDITH ?HICKMAN
(-1635)

From BOSTON TOWN RECORDS.

(E15) WILLIAM (-)

PARENTS

BORN -

(E5) RICHARD (Before 1520-1579)

DIED -

(E6) JOAN (? PRENTICE)
(-)

MARRIED - (E16) ALICE VALENTYNE,
October 23, 1575 at WING, BUCKS. - Church
Register.

(E72) WILLIAM (1612-1612)

PARENTS

BAPT. - October 4, 1612

(E23) RICHARD (1572-1644)

BURIED - October 9, 1612

(E24) JOAN TOPPING
(1582-1631)

(E73) WILLIAM (1621-1661)

PARENTS

BAPT. - January 20, 1621 at WING.

(E23) RICHARD (1572-1644)

BURIED - May 16, 1661 - WING,
BUCKS. - Church Register.

(E24) JOAN TOPPING
(1582-1631)

MARRIED - (E74) JOAN KNIGHT - November 5, 1646 at WING.

At the COURT of WING, held August 29, 1661, it was presented that
WILLIAM TOPPING was dead. He held freely a cottage and 80 acres in CRAFTON,
rent ld. given to JANE, his wife for life and after her death to his brother, JOHN,
his heir.

1662 - Hearth Tax List for CRAFTON, WING, lists Widow TOPPING.

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(E89) WILLIAM ()

PARENTS

BAPT. -

(E88) THOMAS (1645-After 1684)

DIED -

Lived in TISCOTE BOARSCROFT,
BUCKS., ENGLAND.

MARRIED -

In 1684, had a farm of 136 acres in TISCOTE and BOARSCROFT.

CHILDREN:

(E90) THOMAS (- 1722)

(E48) WILLIAM (1614-After 1637)

PARENTS

BAPT. - July 13, 1614 at WING.

(E25) EDMUND (1581-1650)

DIED - After 1637 - Probably at WING.

(E26) KATHERINE SHEPERD
(1592-)

MARRIED -

In 1637, lived in CRAFTON, WING. Named in the Will of his Mother's
sister, ELIZABETH SHEPERD.

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②④ JOAN (1582-1631)
②③ RICHARD (1572-1644)

ELIZABETH
(1575-1575)

②① JOHN
②② SELENA
(HELEN)

③③A

NA JOSEPH
(1645-1645)

JAMES
(-)

*Who possibly move
to Milford Conn.*

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⑨ EDMUND
(1606-)

①⑤ THOMAS (1609)
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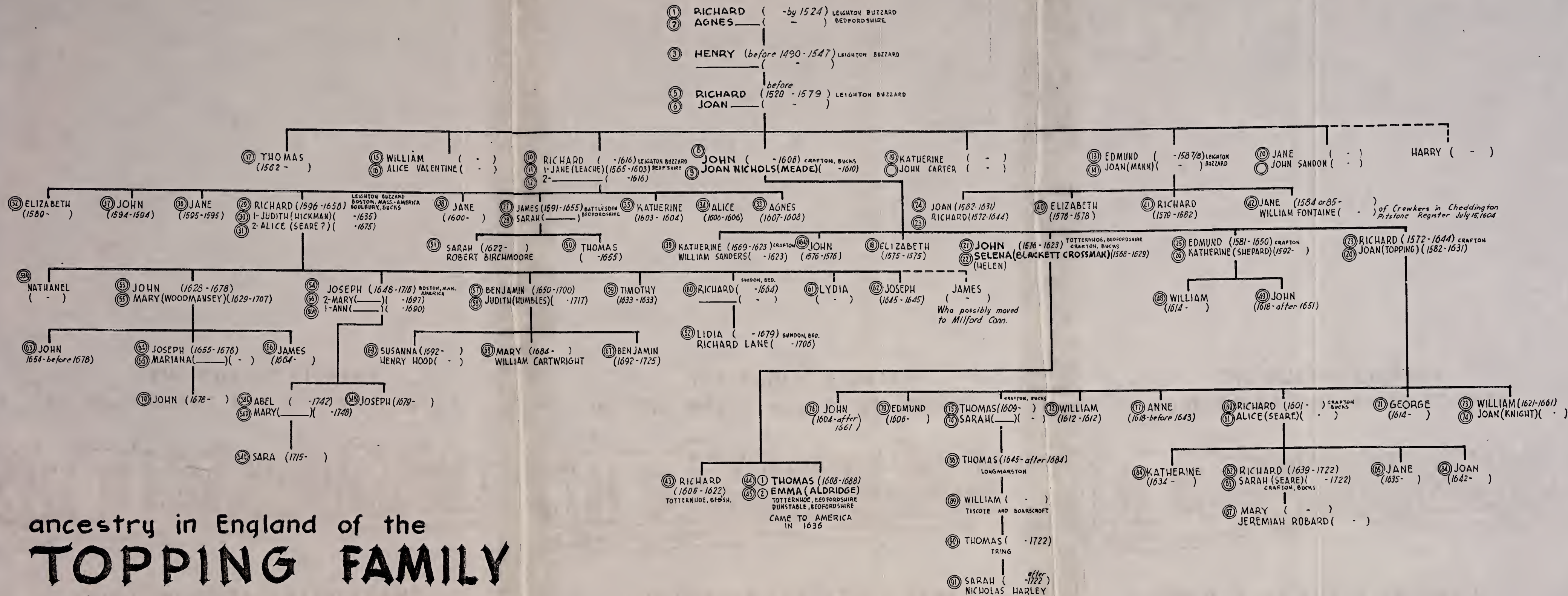
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ancestry in England of the TOPPING FAMILY in America



○ Denotes in England
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TOPPING FAMILY

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